

MOVED! MOVED!

I have removed my office to the first building south of the Brick Hotel where I will make a specialty of

FARM - & - CHATTEL - LOANS!

I guarantee **BOTTOM RATES** on both kinds of loans. Call and see me.

F. C. FINNERTY, Next to Brick Hotel.

There is a time in the affairs of men, which, taken at its ebb, leads on to fame and fortune," and the modern bard might truthfully add that now is the time to start the foundation of the fortune scheme by examining the rare bargains at the

THE THOMS COUNTY CAT.

W. G. PORTER & CO., Publishers.

Boom this spring.
No snow but terrible cold.
Finnerty loans money at 7 per cent.
Gasoline at the Central Drug Store.
Many land buyers in the city this week.
Only one mortgage taken by Finnerty.
Frank Pingree has a good office to rent.
Strangers are now coming to Colby to invest.
The observer gives us some news this week.

M. Donelan is selling out regardless of cost.
Dr. J. W. Weld is nearly recovered now.

The school marm were plenty Saturday.
The railroad land is being picked up fast.

C. R. Marks has bought the Lessenger team.
C. H. Martin & Bros. favorite cigar The Palace.

Three cans of corn at M. Donelan's for 25 cents.
The lowest rates on farm loans at Finnerty's.

H. E. Weld is under the weather this week.
Allison & Shirey have bought two new billiard tables.

The Belle of Colby is the boss cigar, at E. P. Hovey's.
Sam Yousse went to Lincoln Sunday to attend his law suit.

Two railroads to Colby this summer—big boom inevitable.
J. R. Sims, Colby, Kans., pays the highest price for car corn.

Mr. Case has helped on job work this week in Car office.

The Car does the best job work and guarantees satisfaction.
All the swells smoke the Colby Belle. For sale at E. P. Hovey's.

M. Donelan is giving best terms on hats, caps, boots and shoes.
F. C. Finnerty has moved his office down next to the brick hotel.

The Missouri Pacific bonds is the chief topic in Sheridan county now.
Colby has the best location for a railroad center in Western Kansas.

All Odd Fellows should be present next Tuesday evening without fail.
Howell Lumber Co. are putting in scales in front of their lumber yard.

Farm loans at 7 per cent interest, only one mortgage, at State Bank of Colby.
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W. M. Baldwin, commissioner from the third district, was in the city Saturday.
Good smooth homestead for sale cheap. W. G. PORTER.

On January 26th, 300 lots were sold in the Russell Springs drawing, at \$10 per lot.

For vacant land call on Duff & Porter. They have some choice direct from government.

We sold 95 extra CATS last week. Cause—"Isaac and Rebekah." Isaac is on top as usual.

Geo. Hyatt and wife are now keeping house and occupy the rooms over the Bank of Colby.

Mr. Brown, of Millbrook, Kansas, was in the city this week canvassing for Johnson's encyclopedia.

Have you seen the superb scrap albums at the Central? Albums of all kinds at the Central Drug Store.

Mr. Finnerty bought the Bagley house and lots east of Mr. Marble's residence, and now lives there.

Call on W. G. Porter before before you make out your notice to prove up. It will be an object to you.

Wm. Smith, commissioner from the first district, was in the city Monday and bought some railroad land.

M. B. Tomblin, of Eustis, stopped here Tuesday on his way to Oberlin. He says lots in Eustis are selling fast.

We still lead in prices on groceries, provisions, queensware, glassware, etc. J. W. ALLEN & SONS.

Miss Dedrick passed the best examination Saturday last at the public examination of school teachers.

Dr. C. I. Douglas was called to Nebraska Sunday, by his mother, who is seriously ill. Dr. went via Oberlin.

Mr. Bancroft, agent of the Fairbury, Neb., nursery, is in town this week looking after the nursery business. He is reliable, and represents one of the best nurseries.

Money to loan as cheap as the cheapest.

FRANK PINGREE.

The land on which Itasca was located will be sold to the highest bidder Feb. 26th.

Ask J. B. Wheeler why he didn't catch his horse Sunday, instead of walking back to town.

M. Donelan hereby gives notice that all parties must come in and settle within 10 days or be sued.

Mr. W. J. Howell, of Quickville, will return the mitten found on his coal pile upon proper identification.

Travelling men numerous again the first of the month. They say Colby is a good town, and they always sell.

Mr. Neal and his sister, of Quickville, were in the city Monday. Miss Neal took an examination Monday for teaching.

James Armstrong, of Grainfield, bought the school land Monday, the north half of section 16-6-33, at an average of \$6.25 per acre.

School district No. 4, Mr. Sullivan, principal of the city schools, and W. W. Walker each bought Johnson's encyclopedia this week.

Prof. Sullivan has been hired to teach the city high school this spring term, and Miss Dedrick to teach the primary department.

Judge Newell is in the city. He is recovering from the accident he suffered about a month ago, but is still compelled to use crutches. May his recovery soon be complete.—[Frankfort Bee.]

The D. M. & A. bonds were snowed under in Scott county on the 21st by about 200 votes, but the sun shone on the A. T. & S. F. on Monday, and the bonds carried by 160 majority.

Sweet, blushing Rebecca was pulled the other eve, and reached down into her stocking and helped the city out to the tune of \$10, police judge \$2, and marshal \$1.

All should go to the school entertainment Friday eve., Feb. 4th, at the court house. It will be excellent, and worth every one's while to attend. Besides, all should encourage the school in every way, particularly now.

Much commotion in Sherman county this week. Some say the votes will be counted, others say not. Parties passed through here and said they expected Sherman Center people would burn Eustis.

John B. Ennis was hung in effigy last week at Ennis City. He is the owner of Ennis City. This would indicate that he controls matters pretty generally.

Judge N. J. Adams met his brother the other day, and by accident found out who he was. It has been 25 years since they met. The judge's brother has a claim in Sherman county.

Now is the time to invest in Colby and Thomas county lands. One railroad will have cars running into Colby by March 1st, and another before snow flies next fall.

The Newell House at Colby will cost near \$20,000 when completed and speaks words of praise to the town of Colby.—[New Tecumseh.]

House and two lots for sale cheap for a week. Easy payments. W. G. PORTER.

The Palace drug store carries all the celebrated brands of whisky, wines, gin, brandies, beer, etc., exclusively for medicinal purposes.

The B. & M. railroad surveyors smoke the Belle of Colby cigar, and pronounce it the best 5-cent cigar extant. For sale at E. P. Hovey's.

C. C. Siggins & Co. loan money on real estate and take but one mortgage. No second mortgage for interest on cut throat clauses.

EXTRAORDINARY OFFER!—To all paying up dues on CAT, and to all new subscribers, we will give the History of Thomas County and Colby gratis. This is a rare offer, and all should take advantage of it.

Judge J. D. Hayes and C. C. Reynolds, of Oberlin, stopped here Tuesday. They had been to Eustis on legal business. The judge has a large business and deservedly, too. He has probably no peer in criminal law.

Bill Nye writes to a bald-headed friend who asks his advice about hair restoratives, as follows: "Take your hair invigorator money and buy a town lot in a growing town that supports its home paper and advertises and goes ahead, and you will be fixed, and a man who is fixed doesn't care whether he has any hair or not."

We are glad to note the increasing popularity and rapid rise of S. W. McElroy, and this connection would say that he recently joined the Presbyterian church in this city. The many friends of Sam in Phillips county will be glad as we are to learn these facts.—[Oberlin Eye.]

HEADQUARTERS CHARLES O'ROVOLD POST, COLBY, KANS.

All old soldiers, sailors and marines of northwestern Kansas are requested to assemble at Colby, Kansas, on the 12th day of February, for the purpose of holding a grand camp fire and getting acquainted with each other. Good speakers will be in attendance and suitable entertainment will be provided.

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Straight Goods.

We never promised a man a certain loan on a certain day but what the money was ready for him promptly when the day came. No putting off, no delay, no cutting down of the loan. I promise what I know I can perform and I fulfill all my promises. If you want the best rates on FARM LOANS to be had in Colby, come and see me. If you want fair dealing, call. Yours truly, F. C. FINNERTY.

Mrs. H. Van Antwerp, Dennis, Iowa, says: Chamberlain's Pain Balm excels all other medicines for sore throat and diphtheria, it is for external use only. Sold by Walker & Yousse.

Preaching every evening at the court house by Allen Hickey, of Abilene, one of the state evangelists of the Christian church. The meeting will continue over Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Todd, of Topeka, general agent of the Kansas Farmers' insurance company, was in the city last week. Frank Pingree is their agent in this county. By the way Frank Pingree writes more insurance than anyone else here.

Mr. Walter Fisher, of the firm of Failing and Fisher, Bradshaw, Neb., was visiting our city last week. He is a gentleman, and thinks the prospect good here, and that he may possibly change his location and come here. He is welcome.

The boys had no little fun last Sunday at Walker's livery barn. John beat \$10 no one could ride his cow. One smart Aleck rushed up and said: "Here's your man." Strange to say he failed and lost the \$10. It's the old story of red pepper.

A party direct from Kanona told us they were actually grading the B. & M. to Colby. The chief engineer says this is the smoothest line he ever runs, and will be but little work to grade it, there being no bridges. This means that the B. & M. will be to Colby this summer, sure.

Mr. E. P. Worcester has received the biographies of the heroes after whom the townships of Thomas county were named. This will lend attractiveness to the history, as they are written in the governor's usual felicitous style.

Strayed from my place on or about the 15th of November, one sorrel horse pony blazed face, well branded and plain saddle marks. One horse colt, tip of one ear off. A liberal reward offered for information as to his whereabouts. Address P. A. Cope, Eustis, Kansas.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First National Bank of Colby will be held at the banking office at Colby, Kansas, at 10 o'clock a. m., upon the 24th day of February, for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year, and to consider other important business.

Farmers, look out for your own interest, and don't buy your trees till you can buy at home from B. N. Bancroft, and one of the leading nurseries of Nebraska, are going to put in a nursery here in the spring. It is to be known as the Thomas county nursery. If the people will give them their trade they will do all they can to make this one of the biggest helps for the county that we have.

The municipal female suffrage bill will become a law this winter, no doubt. Then the ladies can march up to the ballot box through tobacco spit and sit on the dry goods boxes and backs of the seats and tell chestnut stories. Verily, the name of woman is legion. Next will be a law for ladies to wear pants like Dr. Mary Walker, of Washington, D. C.

Sam Yousse, of Colby, Kansas, has been visiting relatives at this place since last Friday. He started home this morning. Some two years ago when residing near Table Rock, Nebraska, he received a serious injury while driving over a defective railroad crossing over the B. & M. railroad, which passed his farm. He sued the company for damages, and the suit will be tried the first of next month in the U. S. court at Lincoln.—[Monticello, Ia. Express.]

The following is from one of our exchanges, and as it cannot tell a lie, it must be so: "There is said to be but one lawyer in heaven. How he managed to pass St. Peter is not known, but it is conjectured that he passed him off for an editor and slipped in unexpectedly. When he was discovered the startled angels searched the realms of felicity in all their length and breadth for another lawyer to draw up papers for his ejection, but they could find none. Of course, he held the fort."

We are reliably informed that at the old soldiers' re-union and camp fire, to be held at Colby, Thomas county, on Saturday, the 12th day of February, 1887, the old boys will be favored by the presence of the department commander of the G. A. R. of Kansas, C. J. McDevitt, as well as Comrade J. G. Waters, the eloquent orator, brilliant wit and poet laureate of Kansas, and the Hon. Archie L. Williams, the fluent speaker and pioneer of early days. The boys are making every preparation to take care of their old comrades from a distance, and hope that every old soldier in the northwest will be present and help to dispose of the quart-master's commissary stores that will be liberally contributed.

FARM LOANS

at 7 per cent and a reasonable commission—only one mortgage taken.

F. C. FINNERTY, Near Brick Hotel.

Graham Crawford left with us the other day a newspaper called the Uster County Gazette, published at Kingston, Ulster county, New York. It is a four-column paper, and purports to have been published January 4th, 1880. It is quite a relic, and will be more and more valuable as time passes. It has an account of senatorial matter, and the English account of the battle of Zurich.

C. H. Wallingford, Dr. C. H. Martin's brother-in-law, is now visiting Dr. C. H. Martin and wife. He has been engaged in the wholesale fruit and commission business in Sioux City, Iowa. Having sold out there he will, we trust, locate with us. He will, at any rate if he can get lots on proper terms, build six or more tenement houses for rent this season. He is a very pleasant gentleman.

The man who places a dollar advertisement in his local paper, and flatters himself that he is a liberal advertiser, will be surprised to learn that a yearly advertisement, one column in length, in the Chicago Tribune costs the advertiser \$26,000. The New York Herald receives for its lowest price column \$39,000, and for its highest \$48,000. The New York Tribune for its lowest, \$28,754, and those papers, it is stated, are never at a loss for advertisements to fill their columns. The fact is that careful, liberal advertising pays.—[Ex.]

R. J. Kilpatrick, of Beatrice, Neb., the great railroad contractor, was in this city Sunday. He told us that he would begin laying the track on the Colby branch not later than the 5th inst. The construction force is coming from Colorado. They will lay one and one-half mile per diem, completing the line by March 1st sure to Colby. The grading is all complete to within two miles of Colby, and bridges constructed. He also informed us that the B. & M. was being graded from Kanona to Colby. This line is so smooth the work can be done in two months if needed.

Mr. J. B. McGonigal, agent for the K. P. railroad lands in Thomas county, returned Friday and is now selling the land. This land is open to actual settlers or those who live within one half mile of railroad land. One tenth of purchase price must be paid down, and balance in 12 months at 7 per cent interest. 20 per cent of improvements made by cultivation the first two years will be deducted from the last payment. This is the best plan that could be devised to settle up the country and improve the land. The land is being taken fast, and parties should come early to get good choice.

John Shetterly, of Wallace county, was admitted to a seat in this legislature from Wallace county. Mr. Carroll offered the motion, which carried, that the seating of the gentleman from Wallace county should not settle the question of the organization of Wallace county in any way. Thus they discriminate against western Kansas as usual. Col. Veale, of Shawnee county, spoke against the admission and for the railroads. Mr. Tilton, of Trego county, voted first against the seating of the member, and then changed his vote. Mr. Price, of Clark county, made the most telling speech for the admission of the Wallace delegate. Wallace county is organized and has never been unorganized, yet its representative has no vote. Something rotten in Denmark, or eastern Kansas.

Colby should build a new brick school house. Cities of less note and push than Colby do not fail to build school houses. Colby is able by bonding to build a large brick school house, and there is not one reason under heaven why we should not. A good school house is of as much benefit as a church, and more perhaps. The school district should take up this matter and do something. When the cars run into Colby fuel will be cheaper and brick will not cost so much as now. Our children need good teachers and apartments as those 10 years hence. We hope some one will push this matter, so that next summer we can build a brick school house that we should be proud of, and of which our city is worthy.

There is to be a grand camp fire at Colby, February 12th. Each year reminds us of how great a debt we owe the gallant soldiers who fought and bled that the Union might be preserved in its entirety. This is an occasion at which all should gather. The death of Gen. Logan is a sad reminder of how fast the noble and brave ones are passing away. Let all give it encouragement by their presence and good cheer. We bespeak a full and happy meeting, and as all know what good times Colby furnishes on all such occasions, crowds will be here sure. Come one, come all.

Excitement in Texas. Great excitement has been caused in the vicinity of Paris, Tex., by the remarkable recovery of Mr. J. E. Corley, who was so helpless he could not turn in bed or raise his head: everybody said he was dying of consumption. A trial bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery was sent him; finding relief, he bought a large bottle, and a box of Dr. King's New Life Pills; by the time he had taken two boxes of pills and two bottles of the discovery he was well and had gained in flesh thirty-six pounds. Trial bottles of this great discovery for consumption free at C. H. Martin & Bro's.

ATTENTION SOLDIERS!

The members of Charles O'Rovery Post No. 302, G. A. R. Department of Kansas, will hold a campfire at Colby, Kansas, on Saturday, February 12th, 1887, and all old soldiers and their families in adjoining counties are invited to be with us, as we expect to have a good social time. There will be good speakers in attendance.

B. GURWELL, M. L. LACEY, H. H. MILLER, Committee.

MARRIED. PATCHIN-BEAN.—At the residence of the bride's parents, in Colby, Kansas, on Thursday, Jan. 13th, 1887, by Rev. Van Eman, Mr. A. W. Patchin and Miss Clara M. Bean, all of Colby. Miss Bean is a sister of Mrs. J. T. Anderson and Mrs. S. W. Dunbaugh, and has many friends in Seward who will join the bride in extending the heartiest congratulations, and wishing the young people a long, prosperous and happy life.—[Seward Blade.]

MARRIED. Thursday, January 27th, by Judge N. J. Adams, Isaac Flood and Azellia E. Lutgen, both of Thomas county, Kas. The Car tenders its best wishes to the happy pair. They say the judge performs the ceremony in a very excellent manner.

OBERLIN LAND OFFICE. The following is a recapitulation of the entries and filings made at the Oberlin, Kansas, Land Office for the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 1886, together with the amount of purchase money fees, and commissions:

	NO. OF ACRES.	AMOUNT.
1731 cash entries.....	217,513.76	\$301,483.06
3294 H. E.	316,850.18	47,729.40
808 T. C. E.	257,201.91	16,401.00
148 F. H. E.	23,067.97	829.65
1345 D. S.	215,200.00	2,634.00
106 H. D. S.	16,900.00	212.00
1 F. T. C.	100.00	4.00
2 M. B. S. W. location.....	200.00	5.00
Total.....		\$389,062.10

—[Oberlin Herald.]

PROGRAMME

For school entertainment at the court house, Friday evening, February 4th, 1887.

Music.
Opening remarks by Prof. Sullivan.
Song, choir.
Recitation, Nannie Campbell.
Reading, Allen Sims.
Music, I. H. Buller.
Recitation, Geo. Troutfetter.
Essay, Hattie Dedrick.
Song, Gracie Weld.
Oration, Herbert Lynde.
Music, May Donelan.
Declaration, W. P. Sullivan.
Declaration, Charles Dedrick.
Solo, Jean Jardine.
Debate, by Newton Williams and Clara Beaver.
Music, Miss DeBois.
Essay, Jean Jardine.
Music, Clara Beaver.
Reading, Laura Weld.
Dialogue, Charles Olds and others.
Closing remarks, H. E. Weld.
Good Night, song by Choir.
An admittance fee of 15 cents will be charged, the proceeds to pay for a Johnson's encyclopedia. The school is anxious to raise a library, and by the assistance of its friends it is sure to succeed. We hope all will encourage us with their presence.
THE SCHOLARS.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Letters remaining in the postoffice at Colby, Kansas, unclaimed, for the month ending January 31st, 1887.

Alton, James B	Meeker, L F
Anderson, Christ	Mock, John M
Arrington, John H	Northcutt, Mrs V S
Bancroft, B N	Miller, Henry
Beattie, E N	Porter, Chas E—2
Brightman, Dan	Rawson, P—3
Chapple, Jane	Ridgeway, Clarence
Christianson, Serren Smith	John B
Denlinger, Etta	Smith, William
Duck, Belle	Thompson, T E
Grantham, Mort	Thompson, J H
Links, Soph	Truhn, P E
Kiser, John M	

Persons calling for these letters will please say "advertised."

A. J. SENTER, P. M.

• \$7,000.00 •

To loan on chattels at lowest rates by F. C. Finnerty, near new Brick Hotel.

Wanted. A good boy to herd sheep. Will pay \$6 per month. Enquire of Frank Pingree.

LOOK! LOOK! You lovers of music, call at Martin Bros. and examine their fine line of guitars, violins, accordions, french harps, jews harps, &c. Call and hear their sweet tones whether you purchase or not.

Abstracts. Land Deals. Chattel Loans. Real Estate Loans. WELD BROS.

HAY FOR SALE. Large quantity of hay and millet for sale cheap. Call on N. A. Lane, at corner 13, T & S, R 36 w.

OUR OBSERVER.

What He Sees, Hears, and Thinks About.

The "Old Man" is dead, the "Loafer" has a steady job on the "doomp," and thus an opening is left for the "Observer." Brevity shall be our motto.

Last week's police court reports one case of plain drunk. The some score of other drunks seen on our streets the last week must have been "fancy" drunks, and above the jurisdiction of Judge Adams.

The show did not come up to time Saturday eve., as billed. The Christy combination is too fresh in the memory of our people for them to be sold again.

Our city is supplied with a "Tom and Jerry" shop. "Tom and Jerry" may be classified as a prohibition drink in our genial county legal representative's lexicon, but we know better than to so classify it. Our knowledge cometh from a sad and bitter experience, fraught with much headache, remorse, and raking up of old resolutions for present use.

It is quite a novel sight to see one of our fly society youths pull his linen and generously offer to ruin the physical beauty of an equally fly society youth. Boys, settle it.

Last Friday morning there was quite a youthful Vesuvius in social circles. The country dance Thursday eve was the innocent cause. The dramatic personae were eight of our "think they are" representative young men. The cause of contention: four best girls. The result: blood! blood! blood! To the "Observer" it seems farcical to see supposedly intelligent young men come down to the feelings and language of ruffians, and for what? Why, simply the smiles of fair ones who don't care two cents for any of them.

St. Calamus' Day was a mixture of cloud and sky. If the particular ground hog used on this occasion was a sagacious old cuss and knew his business he probably saw his shadow, and we may expect six weeks of hibernation.

Sunday "round-ups," cow races, &c., are very fashionable at present. If the city can buy coal for the cooler, why not use that construction of two by fours and city scrip, which has cost the taxpayers \$200, and at least make it pay ten per cent on the original investment?

Our city has a few of those pests of society known as sneak thieves. If they are caught no leniency will be shown.

The band has taken up quarters in Bean's hall. Their progress is rapid and we predict that within a year Colby will have the best band in western Kansas. They are developing some fine talent.

Colby seems to be in favor with commercial men. And let me here remark that no class of men have more to do with making the reputation of a town than they do.

If our observing powers fail us not we shall come again with our budget. We end as we began. THE OBSERVER.

The Best Time to Advertise.

The longheaded farmer goes into potato raising just at the time when everybody else is rushing out of it. On a similar principle every business man invests liberally in advertising at times when others are doing little in that line. At such times the people are at leisure, and have time to read the papers through advertisements and all, and as his advertisement is one of comparatively few, they read it and even if they do not buy much from him just then, they remember him better when brisker times come. But the very fact that business is small in volume, makes it the more desirable to get a good share of it; and the man who advertises generally sells out his stock and is able to keep fresher goods and turn his money more frequently. In the opinion of the News the business men of this city should now advertise. They should make a study of their advertisements, making every word count; and those who do so will do the business of the next three months.—[Des Moines Register.]

A Long Line.

The charter of the "Kansas Valley Railroad Company" was filed among others yesterday, in the office of secretary of state, the object of incorporation being the building of a standard gauge railroad and telegraph line from a point on the east line of the state of Kansas, at or near Kansas City, Kansas, westerly along the valley of the Kansas and Smoky Hill rivers, through the counties of Wyandotte, Johnson, Leavenworth, Douglas, Jefferson, Shawnee, Wabawsee, Pottawatomie, Riley, Davis, Dickinson, Saline, Ottawa, Lincoln, Mitchell, Osborne, Rooks, Graham, Sheridan, Thomas and Sherman, to the western boundary of the state, and thence to Denver, Colorado. The estimated length of the line is 405 miles in Kansas. Junction City, Kansas, is to be the business headquarters of the company, which is to exist for a period of ninety-nine years. The capital stock of the corporation is fixed at \$10,000,000, divided into shares of \$100 each.

The directors for the first year are: Thomas A. Osborne, Topeka; A. L. Baine, Junction City; B. Rockwell, J. K. Wright and George W. Martin, Junction City; J. B. Anderson, Geo. S. Green, L. R. Elliott and S. M. Fox, Manhattan; Theodore Mosher and G. C. Stier, Abilene; F. B. Lillie, Chapman, and Jerry Shehan, Solomon City.—[Commonwealth.]

HAY FOR SALE.

Large quantity of hay and millet for sale cheap. Call on N. A. Lane, at corner 13, T & S, R 36 w.